

A1 3. (Amended) A shield as claimed in claim 1 [or claim 2] in which the core is encapsulated in said solid polymeric material.

4. (Amended) A shield as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 wherein the solid polymeric material comprises cured liquid resin.

A2 6. (Amended) A shield as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1 wherein the outer layers are each 0.5 to 3mm thick.

7. (Amended) A shield as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1 wherein the core layer is 5 to 50mm thick.

8. (Amended) A shield as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1 in the form of a tube with a longitudinal slit, for fitting over a pipe.

A3 10. (Amended) A shield as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1 comprising a plurality of separate cooperating parts which together define the cavity.

A4 12. (Amended) A shield as claimed in claim 10 [or claim 11] wherein the parts overlap when fitted together to enclose the cavity, to prevent shine.

13. (Amended) A shield as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1 in the form of a dome.